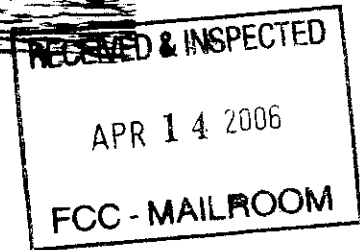


The
Lighthouse



April 10, 2006

Federal Communications Commission
Attn: Secretary's Office
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

A petition is being submitted to the Federal Communications Commission on April 10, 2006 on behalf of The Lighthouse, requesting exemption from the closed captioning requirements for this local programming ministry to the local community (based upon the undue burden standard). We learned of this requirement late March, from the television network that airs our local program.

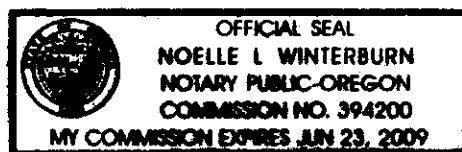
The purpose of this sworn statement is to state that the information submitted in this petition is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed by hand, this 10th day of April, 2006.

John M. Torres
Senior Pastor

State of OREGON
County of LANE

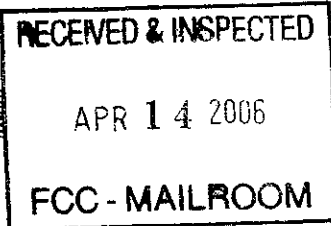
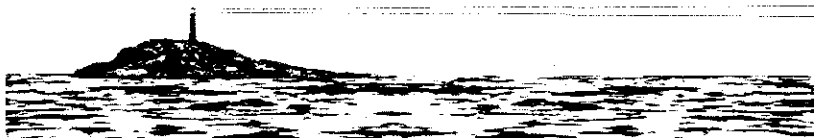
Notary



4-10-06
Date

Ex: 6-23-09

The Lighthouse



April 7, 2006

FCC
Attn: Secretary's Office
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED
CAPTIONING RULES

The Lighthouse respectfully submits this petition requesting exemption from the closed captioning requirement, under Section 79.1 of the Commission's rules, 47 C, F, R & 79.1. The Lighthouse believes that our local broadcast qualifies for this exemption based upon the following reasons:

Part 79.1 Section (D)

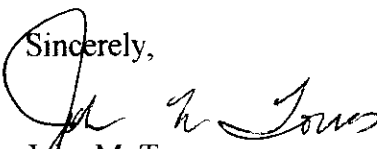
Item (8) The Lighthouse broadcast is a locally produced and distributed non-news program, and the closed-caption services are not available through FOX/KLSR, the network we contract with to air this important ministry. Closed captioning is also not available through the person who prepares the tapes for airing. In fact, this service is not available in our area.

Part 79.1 Section (F)

- (1) Compliance would impose an undue burden on The Lighthouse and our ministry program could cease broadcast operations.
- (2) The Lighthouse is a non-profit, self-funded organization. We are solely responsible for all financial obligations. It would become necessary to invest further monies into having programs closed captioned and air dates impacted. ***This added cost would be a burden on the ministry.***
- (3) The Lighthouse's broadcast is an outreach ministry in which the sole purpose is to share the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our local and greater area of Eugene-Springfield, Oregon.

We respectfully request that The Lighthouse broadcast be exempt from the closed captioning requirement based on the information presented in our petition.

Sincerely,


John M. Torres
Senior Pastor

PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FROM CLOSED CAPTIONING REQUIREMENTS

Introduction

The Lighthouse is located in Eugene, Oregon, and is affiliated with Open Bible Churches, Inc., an Association of churches with the united purpose of proclaiming the full Gospel of Christ. The Association and The Lighthouse holds a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit status. We have a weekly, locally produced 30 minute weekly television ministry. We have been broadcasting since 1997. It is taped live by volunteers who attend The Lighthouse. The broadcast is a non-news, non-repeating format that reaches the needs of viewers in the broadcast area. It is broadcast on FOX/KLSR who just informed us via email on March 21, 2006, that closed captioning is required by April 10th or they will have to pull our weekly ministry broadcast. The broadcast's purpose is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our community and the greater Eugene-Springfield area. The Lighthouse's average attendance is approximately 150 on Sunday mornings. We have 100 members. Attached is our 2004 Budget Year Final Report.

Nature and Cost of Closed Caption

To do our own closed captioning, we would have to purchase the software and equipment (costs approximately \$3,000) and an additional \$50 per episode of transcription. In addition, we would have to hire someone who can close caption each episode. We are unsure the impact of staff costs at this time. Costs without purchasing equipment (out of our area) run from \$250+ per episode, plus \$7 to \$10 per minute for transcription costs.

Impact on the Operation of the Program Owner

The Lighthouse relies on volunteers to record our Sunday morning service. In addition, we rent the cameras (3), switcher and additional needed equipment on a weekly basis from a local company. They, too, do not have closed captioning capability. We also pay a person \$300+ per month to edit the service that will broadcast. We pay the local FOX/KLSR Network, \$200 weekly to air one 30 minute service. The minimum monthly cost for this ministry is approximately \$1,600-2,000 (includes supplies/openers, etc.). We air every week, and some months cost more because there are five-week months. Annual costs can be as much as \$19,600 to \$24,000. We cannot afford to hire staff as some other organizations do, nor are we able to adequately pay for editing and production work. We receive a reduced service cost for the person who prepares the weekly recordings.

The costs for the television ministry is the sole responsibility of The Lighthouse. We receive some designated donations that do not come close to covering the costs. We continually receive feedback from people who watch the program and the gratefulness they feel for having this ministry accessible.

While we appreciate and understand the FCC's intent and desire to provide more programming access to the hearing impaired, the closed caption requirement will place an undue financial burden on The Lighthouse, making future programming impossible. It is a challenge to meet existing expenses. Additional closed caption costs would be a major burden to continue this ministry to our community..

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The Lighthouse
Account Balances
 As of March 31, 2005

	<u>Mar 31, 05</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
CHECKING 1	356.53
DESIG. ACC 1	20,200.81
Total Checking/Savings	<u>20,557.34</u>
Total Current Assets	20,557.34
Other Assets	
CD INVESTMENTS	33,510.72
PETTY CASH	330.00
Total Other Assets	<u>33,840.72</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>54,398.06</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	3,848.95
Total Accounts Payable	<u>3,848.95</u>
Credit Cards	
VISA-US Bank	1,003.32
Total Credit Cards	<u>1,003.32</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	
PAYROLL-SWH	66.00
Payroll Liabilities - Ot...	466.47
Total Payroll Liabilities	<u>532.47</u>
Total Other Current Liabili...	<u>532.47</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>5,384.74</u>
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Please note this is 2004 budget. Our church's fiscal year is April to March. Our 2005 budget is not yet available.

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Accrual Basis

The Lighthouse

Budget vs. Actual

April 2004 through March 2005

	Apr '04 - Mar 05	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
BOOKSTORE	3,699.07	3,840.00	-140.93
DESIG OFFERINGS	64,225.17	70,070.00	-5,844.83
DIST/REG'L INC	0.00		
IN & OUT INCOME	9,521.87	1,960.00	7,561.87
MISSIONS INC	17,306.40	5,340.00	11,966.40
REGULAR INCOME	254,398.72	310,800.00	-56,401.28
RENT INCOME	18,246.50	19,200.00	-953.50
Total Income	367,397.73	411,210.00	-43,812.27
Expense			
ACTIVITIES	6,479.05	2,180.00	4,299.05
ADMINISTRATION	8,380.40	9,330.00	-949.60
ADULTS EXPENSE	129.48	940.00	-810.52
ADVERTISING	2,929.70	3,640.00	-710.30
BENEVOLENCE	1,017.77	1,200.00	-182.23
BOOKSTORE EXP	3,761.00	3,200.00	561.00
CHILDRENS DEPT	5,098.53	7,700.00	-2,601.47
DESIGNATED-EXP	9,363.87	8,580.00	783.87
DISTRICT/REG'L	593.80		
ENTERTAINMENT	1,736.61	2,400.00	-663.39
IN & OUT EXP	8,344.63	4,945.00	3,399.63
INSTE	2,354.20	750.00	1,604.20
MENS	715.81	1,500.00	-784.19
MISSIONS	51,512.28	36,240.00	15,272.28
MUSIC/SOUND DEPT	3,247.76	2,065.00	1,182.76
Payroll Expenses	158,752.40	156,028.00	2,724.40
PROPERTY	53,471.00	60,710.00	-7,239.00
SENIORS	1,463.94	1,800.00	-336.06
SPECIAL SERVICE	15,376.40	14,340.00	1,036.40
STAFF DEVELOPMENT	7,432.60	9,995.00	-2,562.40
TELEVISION	16,116.96	18,050.00	-1,933.04
VEHICLES	3,351.06	4,560.00	-1,208.94
WOMENS	1,414.64	4,700.00	-3,285.36
YOUTH DEPT	15,438.27	28,865.00	-13,426.73
Total Expense	378,482.16	363,718.00	-5,235.84
Net Income	-11,084.43	27,492.00	-38,576.43